Standard Project Statements - WSFR

Background

The process of developing standard project statements began at the Fall 2015 TRACS Working Group meeting. At the meeting, the WSFR Training Branch was initially tasked with evaluating the current list of custom indicators used in TRACS, with a stated goal of determining if WSFR could implement standard objectives for various project statements in TRACS that would complement the efforts being done on the results chains. The goal of this effort was to create a suite of standard project statements (best management practices) for the most common project types that States routinely perform using grant funds from WSFR programs.

Objectives

- (1) Create training and job aids that assists WSFR and State staff in performance of their respective grants management roles and responsibilities;
- (2) Clarify what represents an adequate project statement in order to satisfy the requirements of regulation and policy;
- (3) Provide a roadmap for the development of the project statement component for the TRACS enhancement; and
- (4) Create efficiencies in the grants management process for both WSFR staff and our State partners by providing a clearer understanding of expectations for each element of a project statement.

Development Process

During the spring and summer of 2016, the Training Branch developed 14 standard project statements for various project types including fish hatcheries/stocking, research, land acquisition, boating access, coordination, survey, habitat management, hunter education, aquatic education, and construction activities under the clean vessel act and boating infrastructure grant program. These project statements were crafted using the TRACS strategies and standard objectives developed by the TRACS Working Group. The standard project statements were then released on June 15, 2016, to WSFR staff for an open commenting period. This commenting period ended on July 29, 2016, during which time, the Training Branch incorporated constructive comments from staff on each standard project statement. Following the WSFR staff commenting period, the standard project statements were then released on September 12, 2016, to State agency/partner staff for their comments. This commenting period closed on October 14, 2016, during which time, the Training Branch again incorporated constructive comments from the States.

The Training Branch would like to express our sincerest appreciation to everyone who assisted in this significant effort. The quality of the final project statements would not have been possible without the continuing effort and partnership that exists between WSFR and the States. The Training Branch has received numerous requests to develop additional sample project statements and we are committed to assisting in this continuing effort as time allows in the future.

Directions

To view the final versions of the standard project statements, please click on the links below to access the various project statements. Users will be able to view each project statement individually, based on each project type. At the bottom of each project statement page, we have provided several additional sections (i.e. Related Pages, Resources, and References) that may benefit WSFR and State staff. You may download a Word version of each project statement by clicking on the link provided under the "Resources" tab at the bottom of each standard project statement page.

If you have comments about any of the information provided in the standard project statements, please feel free to comment at the bottom of each respective page.

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Aquatic Nuisance Species Outreach Program

Aquatic Resources Education Program

Boating Access Construction

Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Grant

Clean Vessel Act Program Grant

Coordination and Administration

Fish and Wildlife Technical Assistance and Environmental Review

Freshwater Public Waters Sport Fisheries Surveys and Monitoring

Habitat Management and Public Access

Hunter Education Program

Land Acquisition for Wildlife-Oriented Recreation

Land Acquisition - Statewide Habitat Conservation for Wildlife Diversity

Research - Wildlife Restoration

Sport Fish Stocking and Fish Hatchery Operations/Maintenance